

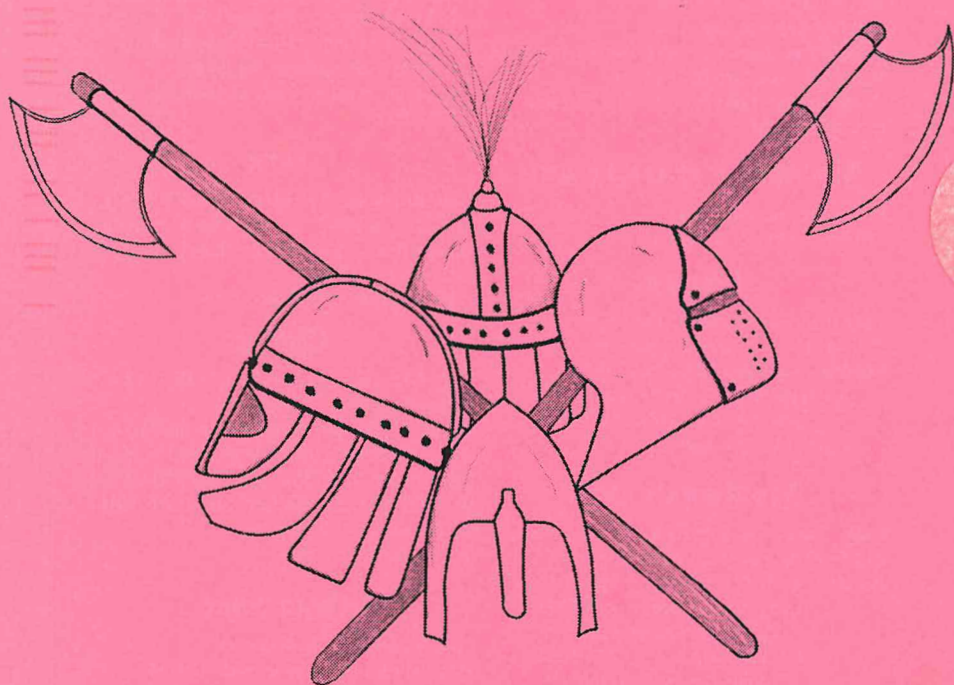


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The Estrella War Issue!!!



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Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

1	SOUTHERN WAR PRACTICE** <i>St. Goliath</i>
12-17	ESTRELLA WAR XIX** <i>Phoenix</i>

MARCH

8-9	OUTLANDS CROWN TOURNAMENT <i>al-Barran</i>
22-23	SHIRE DEFENDER <i>Scorpion's Hollow</i>
29-30	AL-BARRAN'S SPRING HORSE FAIRE**
29-30	KINGDOM HERALDS & SCRIBES <i>Caerthe</i>

APRIL

26	SWORDED AFFAIRE**
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MAY

10-11	CORONATION WEEKEND <i>tba</i>
21-26	GRAND OUTLANDISH

** Indicates attendance by Their Excellencies

From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings unto the War-hungry men and women of al-Barran from your Baron and Baroness, Sir Trevor and Lady Fermina. We hope your preparations are smoothly underway and nearly complete!

After many long months of preparation, Estrella War XXIX is only days away! The forecast looks inviting, reaching the mid eighties this month past! We have all worked long and hard in anticipation of the most glorious War ever!

We give many thanks to the College of Blaiddwyn and Lady Danica for hosting "Winter Wolf" with a days worth of classes on various topics regarding the preparation necessary for a successful War. We hope many of you shared your best camping tips with those who may never have had the experience before. The evening potluck was fantastic and the entertainment even more surprisingly fun-filled than usual. Well done! Your valuable contribution to the barony is greatly appreciated.

Sir Dennis the Wright has graciously coordinated the many needs of our large and varied group for our visit in Atenveldt. If you are still needing a ride or a rider, please contact him promptly. There will be many opportunities for each of us to contribute even further there on site. Please volunteer! And when you do, be sure to record your name, barony, and hours you worked with one of the official volunteer coordinators so that our group may receive the gracious compensation afforded by our hosts. The money earned this year will pay for our amenities next year.

Take care of yourselves and each other. Be sure to get an adequate amount of sleep and stay hydrated. Wear sunscreen and a hat. Some of you may be encouraged by the greater amount of oxygen in the air to imbibe more than usual. Remember it will be long weekend and you will want to have the good health and energy to enjoy it all. Watch out for those good gentles for which this will be their first War. Keep your friends and family safe in the playing.

Now is the time for all good men and women who have trained with the barony and will fight with us at War to submit a petition for a Guido or Cordon Scorpion. The honorable Guido is recognized by gentles throughout the Knowne Worlde as belonging to the battle tested warriors of al-Barran. These fine symbols of the might of al-Barran are made by the hand of your Baroness and will be given to the worthy petitioners Saturday night at War.

Following Guido Court, we hope you will all join us for our traditional stew dinner. This year we have invited Calontir to dine with us as well as to stay and celebrate into the evening. A wonderful party of singing and merry making is planned for the night.

Please look further in this issue for greater details on the happenings of the barony at War.

Be safe in your travels and look for each other on the road! See you there!

Trevor

Fermina

From the Hospitaller

Greetings

I hope that the mighty populace of al-Barran is ready to go forth to WAR and return home VICTORIOUS.

Remember, when you are out for a day of fighting, shopping, or just visiting take in lots of water. Only push yourself to your limit and know when to step down. I have watched a lot of you in the past few months preparing for this awesome event so please do not let your efforts be in vain. Take care of yourselves and your fellow fighters. Kathws has been very helpful in placing wonderful articles in the Shaft the past several months, everything from tips on camping supplies to easy jerky recipes.

All in all I guess I am just hoping that everyone goes out and has fun so that they may return home safely!

Safe Travels to all.

Lady Brennen Blackwell



From the Mistress of the Lists

Merry Met!

As we head closer and closer to WAR! I urge all fighters and members alike to check their cards. Are you still a member? When are your membership expiration dates? But most importantly, have you checked with your list mistress lately? Why? You ask should I go out of my way to see that woman when there isn't a tournament going on? Well folks, thereby hangs a tale...

I recently ran myself a copy of the Kingdom "All Authorizations List" and what to my wondering eyes should appear, but a massive amount of expired card information, misspelled names, or people who I know for a fact have cards - I have personally seen them - and they are not on this list!!!!!! I will be recovering from post-autocratting jitters on Super Bowl Sunday so I won't be at that practice but I will be at Winter Wolf and will be happy to do corrections and send them off to be updated. I will also be at the Southern War practice and can do corrections and add on's then, and at Sunday fighter practices until WAR! So, I'll do my best to help if you will do your best to come over, find me and check the list with me, and update what is needed for you.

In service to the Kingdom et al,

Lady Danica



This creature is odd, its habits unaccountable.
It sings through its sides. Its neck is curved,
skillfully carved, and above its back
it has pointed shoulders. It plays its fated part
as, gracefully, it stands by the roadside,
high and handsome, useful to me.

**The Exeter Riddles
No. 70**

A Harp

From the Chronicler

Greetings on this new day of a new year,

The Cover art for February is from the pen, imagination and skills of Lord Tancred dAvighnon. Thank you, Tancred for the wonderful cover art that celebrates Estrella War. Check out the back cover for the last of three cartoons on siege engines inspired by last Estrella War from the pen of Eldon-eric. *Pony World* once again features someone near and dear to our wonderful barony. Check it out and see who. Thank you, Michael McQuillan for all of your hard work in making *Pony World* happen. Who knows, one day it might be YOU!

This month **Estrella War extras** are all located in the center of the *Baronial Shaft*. Find there a list of Outland's and al-Barran's happening at war, a letter from the War Coordinator, some camping tips, and an article called 'More that just surviving in the SCA', packed full of helpful stuff all geared towards making your camping experience more enjoyable. You will also find a map of the general location of Estrella Park and driving directions to get to it, via I-40 to Flagstaff, AZ and then I-17 Flagstaff to Phoenix route.

As always I am looking for articles, artwork, songs, poems, etc. for printing in the *Baronial Shaft*. If you know someone who is talented in any of these areas please let me know and I will seek them out for contributions for the *Baronial Shaft*.

The Al-Barran Phone directory was mailed out at the beginning of January, but alas, I find still some errors made it past me. On page 21 you will find the corrections for the phone number and email address errors that I have found so far. If you find more phone number and email errors, please let me know so that I may post updated corrections in future *Baronial Shaft* issues.

Attention: Due to the Citizens Meeting's normal Tuesday falling immediately after Estrella War, I wish to remind everybody that I will need their March issue Articles to me by **February 24th** at the absolute latest, please make me a most happy chronicler and get them to me earlier! I will try and contact autocrats about their articles for the march issue in the week after Estrella War.

I hope everybody has a wonderful time at War and see you there,

Lady Kathurs

Quotes & proverbs in this issue from:

<http://www.8gv.com/valentines-day/crafts.html>

The Exeter Riddles: Translated and located at <http://www.technozen.com/exeter/index.htm>

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The driving directions are from the Estrella War website (<http://www.estrellawar.org/>) and the map is from Yahoo maps link via the EW website.

Winter Wolf Tournaments Results

Blaiddwyn's Winter Wolf Defender of the Pack tournament results:

The tourney was a snowball type Tourney type was a different kind of snowball. Round 1 determined the leaders of the snowball teams. Round 2 - 2 out of 3 - team Arslan Batu Jin Cherbe won. Round 3 - Team Master Adam Stedefast won. Round 4 Team Master Adam Steadfast won but he declined the 1st place position claiming he didn't deserve it and gave it to team Arslan Batu Jin Cherbe.

So Arslan Batu Jin Cherbe is the Freki of Blaiddwyn and is Winter Wolf's Defender of the Pack.

The heralds were Lord Cristobal, Lady Elinor, Lord Aethelwolf, and the Marshal in charge was Chinua al Naran Cherbe. The mistress of the list was Lady Danica Nemanjaviaea.

Blaiddwyn's Defender of the Light Pack tournament results:

The tourney was a round robin style. Tourney type was another of those unique fencing tournaments that I am notorious for coming up with. It was a little red riding hood tournament. Not only did the fencers have to fight but they had to act! The fencers had to pick a card and play the part on the card. They were also given an off hand weapon/distraction that went with/matched the card. The hunter/woodsman had an axe, the wolf had a stuffed wolf, and little red riding hood had a little red riding hood and a basket. Lord Charles won by his totally awesome fighting skills (no losses) and by his acclaimed acting skills as well - all the judges agreed his were the very best.

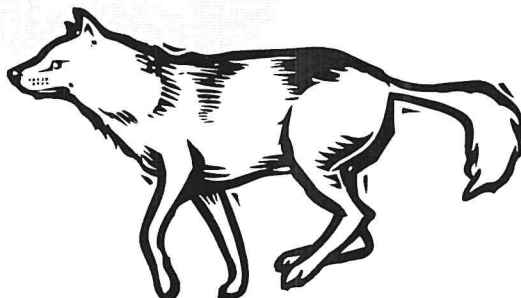
First place and the title Defender of the Light Pack goes to Lord Charles, second place is held by Lord Ivar and third place went to Don Govanen.

The heralds were Lord Cristobal, Lady Elinor, Lord Aethelwolf, and the Marshal in charge was THL Don Oengus. The mistress of the list was Lady Danica Nemanjaviaea.

Tournaments results from Winter Wolf event held on January 25, 2003 at the college of Blaiddwyn.

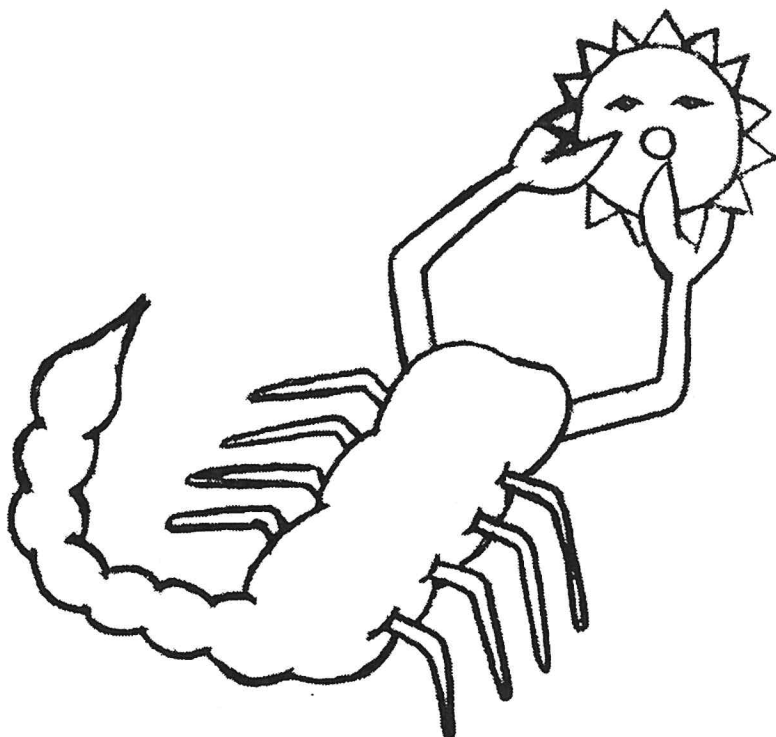
And last but not least Stephen was picked as the new and youngest Defender of the Lore.

Lady Danica



Estrella War XIX!

The Barony of al-Barran goes to WAR!



From the al-Barran War Coordinator

Greetings unto al-Barran!

We have enjoyed the feasts of mid-winter and we see that winter will end. It is time to prepare for war!!!

I will be coordinating rides (those needing rides and those that can give rides) and the hauling of equipment (to and from the event). If you need a ride or wish to have your equipment hauled then I will need to know:

- When do you (or your equipment) wish to leave? Return?
- Special requests for traveling (e.g. non-smoking, do not care, frequent stops for personal reasons)
- Willing to help drive (proof of insurance)? Help pay for fuel?
- How is your equipment CLEARLY identified with indestructible labels/tags?

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If you are able to provide a ride then I will need to know:

- When are you planning on going and returning?
- Do you have special requests (e.g. non-smoking, quiet versus story teller versus someone with a good CD collection)?
- Do you require that the rider helps drive? pays for fuel?
- Are able to transport a person? equipment? both?

Please look for announcements on the al-Barran list-serve, in the *Baronial Shaft*, and on the announcement board at the park on Sundays.

Sir Dennis the Wright

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Outlands & al-Barran Happenings at WAR

Wednesday, February 12

Estrella War XIX opens!!

Thursday, February 13

Break out the gold and the green - cause the Outlands has got it going on!
(Times to be verified by TRM)

- Court before the Outlands Prize Tournament
- Outlands Prize Tournament, to be held at the Main Tourney Field
9:00 am list opens; tourney to start at 10:00 am; Sponsors: TRM Outlands
- Outlands "Welcome to Estrella" Revel, to be held at the Outlands Encampment, to begin at Sunset; Sponsor: Duchess Eleanor

Friday, February 14

- Muster Court (at Outlands Royal Pavilion) at 830 am
- Outlands Scribal Tea held at the A&S Pavilion, From 1:30 pm-4 pm sponsor: Mistress Joella
- First Annual Outlands-Atenveldt Boffer Tournament to be held in the Children's Area tourney will start at 3 pm; Sponsor: Lady Rhiannon
- Afternoon court (at Outlands Royal Pavilion) approx. 4:30 pm

Saturday, February 15

- Muster Court (at Outlands Royal Pavilion) at 830 am
- Afternoon court (at Outlands Royal Pavilion) approx. 4:30 pm
- al-Barran Guido & Cordon Scorpion Court around sunset
- The ONE and ONLY al-Barran Baronial Beef Stew after Guido & Cordon Scorpion Court
- Outlands Bardic Competition at Estrella held at the Outlands Encampment,

List for the Bardic will open at 7:30 pm and will remain open until the first performance which is to start at 8 pm; Sponsor: Ban-Filidh Cailte Caitchairn

Sunday, February 16

-Muster Court (at Outlands Royal Pavilion) at 830 am

-Evening Court (at Outlands Royal Pavilion) Time *tba*

NOTE: I may have missed some of the happenings at war for the Outlands and al-Barran, but I hope this gives everybody a good guess.—KR

More than Just Surviving in the SCA

SCA hospitality being what it is, surviving an event is really not an issue. You will always be surrounded by friends and family who are not going to let you starve or make you sleep out in the rain. However, everyone will like you even more if you do not always show up around mealtimes and then crash in their tent. Providing for your own needs enables you to enjoy yourself more. Providing for your own needs means more than bringing your own tent and sleeping bag. It means packing a few extra things to keep you comfortable. Over the past couple of years, I have learned a few tips on how to keep myself comfortable so I can relax and enjoy the event. I have compiled a list of tips and necessities from many sources including The Knowne World Handbook, several different handouts, talking to a lot of people, and personal experience. Many of these things you can survive without, but I have found SCA living to be much more enjoyable with. I strongly recommend you create your own list that you can refer to before each event. If you discover some new tips for comfort, share them with others.

CAMPING:

1. **KEEP YOUR BODY CLEAN.** Bathe just before leaving for an event. You may not get to for a few days. If you have long hair, braid it. It will stay cleaner. Clip your fingernails. For extended camping, bring a solar shower. **TOILETRIES:** Baby wipes, wash basin, wash cloth, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, brush/comb, deodorant, small mirror, toilet paper, shampoo & conditioner, Kleenex, feminine needs, lotion, solar shower, bathing tunic, towel
2. **CONSIDER YOUR MEDICAL NEEDS.** Camping in the Outlands tends to entail a lot of sun and even more dust and cactus. Be prepared for reactions due to these factors.

MEDICINES AND FIRST AID: sunscreen, tweezers, pain reliever, antihistamine, Pedialyte, baby powder, eye drops, bug repellent, white vinegar spray, Alka-Seltzer, band aids, antiseptic, saline nasal spray

*Upon arrival, find out who the surgeons is and where they are located, just in case.

3. **KEEP WARM/COOL.** Expect all types of weather. Afternoon temperatures in the mountains can reach into the high eighties after a morning in the fifties. You also must be prepared for wind, rain, hail, sleet, and snow. Anticipate the temperature change in the evening. Put on warm clothes before you get cold. During the heat of the day, carry a small shoulder bag that can hold a bottle of water. Wear layers of clothes to insulate from heat and cold. Use natural fabrics.

CLOTHING: thermals, socks (2 pair/day), underwear, hood, warm hat, gloves, sunshade hat, shoes (2 pair), trunk, wool tunic, pants/leggings, light

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Oh we're marching off to war,
 Some of us may die
 A death of a true warrior,
 But all of us will come home,
 Speaking of the strange and
 wondrous things we have seen!

To War! To War!
 The battle cries so loud
 The drums pounding out
 Their calls to warriors one and all,
 Coursing through our blood,
 Soon they find a voice in us all!

Oh we're marching off to war,
 Some of us seeking for our belov'ds
 among the fallen few,
 With tears in our eyes and voices,
 Happy are we to find them,
 Among the living!

To War! To War!
 The battle cries so loud
 The drums pounding out
 Their call to warriors one and all,
 Coursing through our blood,
 Soon they find a voice in us all!

Oh we're marching off to war,
 Some of us dreaming for a fight so glori-
 ous, yet still,
 We met our match among that field,
 Swift were our dancing rapiers
 Still I see my crimson flow.

To War! To War!
 The battle cries so loud
 The drums pounding out
 Their calls to warriors one and all,
 Coursing through our blood,
 Soon they find a voice in us all!

Oh we're marching off to war,
 Some of us drawing with arrows so
 true,
 They bring their own song to join ours,
 Oh, Happy are we,
 When their aim is so sure AND
 We're still among the living!

*It's not the song I heard in my head at my first
 Estrella listening to the marching of our warriors,
 feeling with every heartbeat, tasting in every breath,
 the war drums singing in my blood...but it's a close
 second*

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Sunday	Monday	
2 Fighter & Rapier Practice Court Dancing	3 Gammer Gurton's Needle	
9 Fighter & Rapier Practice Court Dancing	10 Gammer Gurton's Needle	
16 ESTRELLA WAR	17 ESTRELLA WAR	CM
23 Fighter & Rapier Practice	24 Gammer Gurton's Needle	M Art Ch



February Dates

1 Chinese New Year
 2 Groundhog Day
 14 Valentine's Day
 16 Full Moon
 (wolf moon)
 17 President's day

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Archery Practice Equestrian Practice Southern WAR Practice St Golias
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11	12	13	14	15
	<i>ESTRELLA WAR</i>	<i>ESTRELLA WAR</i>	 <i>ESTRELLA WAR</i>	<i>ESTRELLA WAR</i>
18 CANCELED	19	20	21 Weaving Knowledge Exchanges & Workshops	22 Equestrian Practice
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French - Je t'aime
 German - Ich liebe dich
 Japanese - Ai shite imasu
 Russian - Ya lyublyu tyebya
 Greek - S'agapo
 Indonesian - Saya cinta padamu
 Turkish - Seni seviyo*rum
 Hindi - Mai tumase pyar karata hun

Spanish - Te amo
 Hebrew - Ani ohev otakh
 Italian - Ti amo
 Chinese - Wo ai nei
 Cantonese - Moi oiy neya,
 Spanish - Te quiero
 Norwegian - Eg elskar deg
 English - I Love You

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tunics, belts, accessories (jewelry, scarves, make-up, etc.), cloak, poncho
*On a hot day, make ice cream. In a clean 1 lb. coffee can, put 1 pint of half and half, 1/2 cup sugar, and 2 tsp. vanilla. Put the lid on the can and set it inside a 3 lb. coffee can. Fill the space between the two cans well with alternating layers of ice and rock salt until the small can is completely covered and the can is full. Put the lid on the big can (The little can and stuff are inside.) and roll it back and forth for 15-20 minutes. Then, take the little can out, wipe off the lid, open it up, and Tah-Dah!, you have ice cream. We usually pour chocolate syrup on top and eat it right out of the can.

4. SLEEP WELL. Many people, including myself, like to stay up very late at camping events. So, it is important that the sleep you do get is good. If you get tired in the afternoon, take a short nap. At night, a warm rock from around the campfire can be wrapped in a towel and put in the foot of your sleeping bag for extra warmth.

SLEEPING GEAR: mattress, pillows, sleeping bag, extra blankets, flashlight, tent ground cloth, hammer, stakes, clock

5. KEEP A CLEAN, COMFORTABLE CAMP. Make your camp a place where you can relax and lounge around after a long day of fighting. Carpets out front help to keep the dust and mud out of the tent. Burning incense helps to keep the bugs away.

CAMP GEAR: carpet, pillows, chairs, broom, folding table, Japanese lanterns, torches & fuel, citronella candle, ashtrays, trash bags, folding shovel, mirror, candles & holders, tapestries & banners, shade pavilion, wind chimes, incense, fire pit, wood, axe, fire extinguisher

6. EAT AND DRINK WELL. Avoid food poisoning by keeping foods cool. Have separate coolers for food and drink so that the one with the food can be kept closed more. Freeze water in small bottles and use as ice in coolers. Wash and rinse dishes really well. Store everything in Tupperware. Eat breakfast. Drink lots of water. Prepare as much as you can in advance and freeze it. (Have one cooler just for ice for ice cream!)

KITCHEN STUFF: stove, coffee pot, griddle, frying pan, big pot, medium pot, cutting board, knives, napkins, dish soap, wash basin, wash cloth, hot pads, wooden spoon, coolers, water jugs, paper towels, Ziploc bags, matches, turner, tongs, mixing bowl, plates, mugs, bowls, silverware, ladle, can opener, propane grill, grill for campfire, propane, spices, covers, tea kettle, bottle opener/cork screw, tin foil, dish towel, scouring pad

7. HAVE FUN!

AMUSEMENTS: arms and armour, musical instruments, sketch pad, camera and film, games, embroidery, wares to sell, archery gear

With all this stuff, not only will you be comfortable, you will be ready for just about any situation that may arise.

(I find some of this article funny now... I really do bring all this stuff when going to Outlandish!)

Fermina here, again. I wrote this article within the first couple of years I started playing SCA for a Newcomers' Collegium. Over the years, I have referred to it often when getting ready for a camping event. I have added a few things and eliminated a few as my needs have changed. I hope this may be helpful for some of you who have not done much camping.

Posted to the al-Barran list on January 26th, 2002.

Camping Tips

Drink plenty of water, we live in a high desert area and often don't realize how dehydrated we are getting, until too late.

If you are the type of person who once they get going at an event does not stop until they fall on their faces, due to forgetting to eat; start carrying granola bars, jerky or trail mix with you so you don't knock your body for a loop.

Take extra socks, warm garb for evenings, and blankets; the weather varies at Estrella and it has gotten as cold as 20 degrees at night at past Estrella Wars, I have been to.

One thing I have always found to help me stay warmer is to place a thick blanket between the ground and the air mattress, and of course using that old stand-by, a cap on my head to keep from losing body heat that way.

Dressing in layers helps with staying warm in the mornings, and of course as you get warm, you can then remove a few layers. And in the evenings you go back through the layers to stay warm.

Don't seal your tent up completely when using a propane heater—better yet use it to warm your tent up and turn it off immediately upon getting in your tent for sleep.

If you have just got that wonderful brand new tent or pavilion and this is to be its first camping event, save yourself some frustration at War and do a dry run setup before War.

Don't forget your sunscreen, nothing makes a wonderful event more miserable than a major case of sunburn, and remember for use this is still winter , so we are going from conditions of being inside a lot to suddenly being outside most of the time, our skins are not going to be used to that much sun that fast. WEAR a hat, and remember the aloe vera gel, in case you get that sunburn—or somebody else does.

Remember to take your prescription medications, OTC allergy medications, and headache reliever of your choice. Who wants to leave the war to go get those things if you don't have to?

Handi-wipes are very useful for a quick wash up, until you can get to the real one. Even just to get that layer of dust off.

This is a list of fruit and vegetables high in potassium; gleaned from the Al-Barran List emails on Heat Exhaustion in April 2001.

The component of Bananas that help with heat exhaustion is the potassium. Potassium is lost through sweat and exertion. Foods high in potassium include dried peach halves, lima beans, winter squash, dried pear halves, potato with skin, pinto beans, spinach, cantaloupe, kidney beans, Bok choy, prunes, split peas, butternut squash, black-eyed peas, watermelon, asparagus, beets, tomatoes, orange juice, apricot halves and dried apricot halves. Several of these foods can obviously be snacks and others can be combined into meals, but it doesn't matter how you get the lost potassium back.

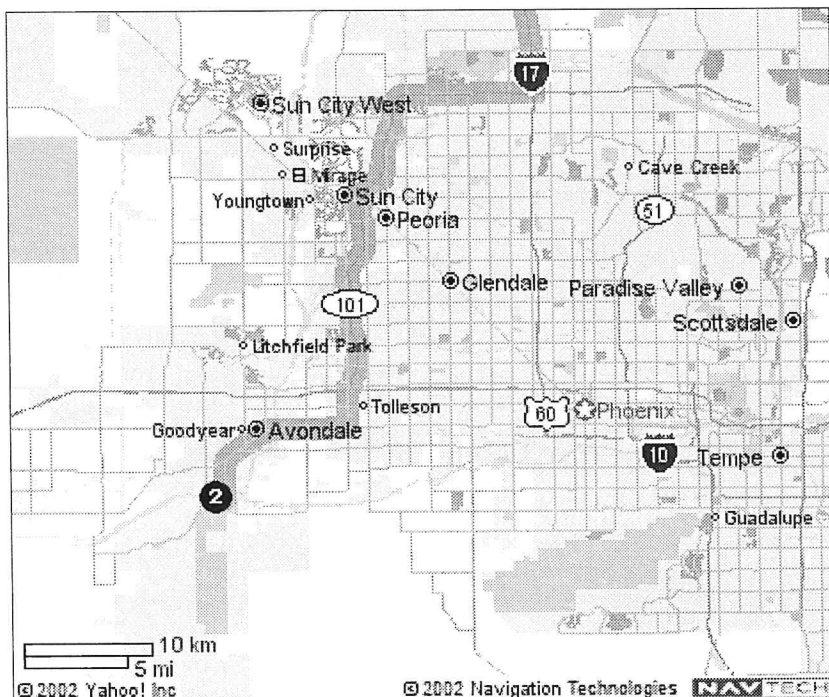
Estrella War Driving Directions

New Site for Estrella War!

Actually, it's a site that past attendees to Estrella War will remember -

Estrella Mountain Park!

It is located on the west side of the greater Phoenix Metro area in the City of Goodyear, Arizona, about 50 miles west (as the crow flies) from last year's site at Schnepf Farms.



For those of you making the journey for the first time:

From Albuquerque, NM using I-40 west:

Take I-40 west from Albuquerque to Flagstaff, AZ (approx. 322 miles)
Take I-17 South to Phoenix (approx. 124 miles). At the I-17 /I-10 interchange take the ramp marked "I-10 West - Los Angeles." After you have passed the Litchfield Road exit , Look for Exit #126 Pebble Creek/ Estrella Parkway, exit ,and turn left (south). Drive South 5 miles. Immediately after you cross the bridge over the Gila River you will make a left turn (east) onto W. Vineyard Avenue . Drive .7 mile to Casey Abbot Rd. (main park entrance)

Driving time: About 8 hours

****NOTE:** The route line marked on the map does not match the above directions completely, I could not make the map do that. The above directions are from the Estrella War website (<http://www.estrellawar.org/>) and the map is from Yahoo maps link via the EW website.



Crown Tournament

Barony of Al-Barran

March 8, AS XXXVII (2003)

African-American Pavilion,

NM State Fair Ground, Albuquerque, NM

Site opens, 9:00 am; closes: 11:00 pm

Site Fee: \$15

The site is wet, however it must be bought on site

Their Majesties are in need of Heirs. They call all good warriors of the Kingdom of the Outlands to attend them in the Barony of al-Barran to help determine who would be Prince and Princess of the Outlands. This will be done in good Outlands fashion, by right of arms! So come and join us in fighting, feasting and the crowning of Their Majesties Heirs.

Directions: Take your best route to I-25 and Central Avenue exit. Go east (towards the mountains) on Central to the San Pedro light. Turn north (left) on San Pedro to Copper street light. At Copper light turn east into the Gate 3 of the New Mexico State Fairgrounds. Follow the SCA signs straight to the African-American Pavilion. Parking is free as long as you are in garb when you meet the parking attendants. If you are not in garb parking is \$2.00.

Autocrat: Duchess Elisheva (Corinne Dowd), 11400 Rosemont NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112, phone- 505-237-2157, email- dchssheva@aol.com





**Al-Barran's
Spring Horse Faire**
Barony of al-Barran
March 29th & 30th, A.S. XXXVIII
Helen's Horse House 17 Hobbs Rd.
Peralta, NM 87031



Site Opens: 8:00 am on Sat. Site Closes: 5:00 pm on Sun.

Site Fee: FREE

Alcohol Status: Bone Dry

Spring is in the air or will be soon and it is time to think about what to do on those beautiful warm days. Start planning now for two days of fun with horses and friends. Have you ever seen horses dance, or play croquet? You will at al-Barran's Spring Horse Faire along with many other fun spring activities. We have two days of fun planned for all. Bring your horse and you friends and join us for an event to remember.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

March 29th, Saturday

9:00 am - site opens

10:00 am - opening court

10:30 am - games begin

12:30 pm - lunch don't miss this. Lord Vladimir is preparing a spring feast. There will be fresh fruit, fresh greens, fresh spring stew and much more.

1:00 pm - games continue

4:00 pm - closing court

March 30th, Sunday

9:00 am - IKEqC runs and more games

4:00 pm - closing court

There will be authorizing marshals on site if you absolutely need to be authorized that day. The Marshal's preference is for you to become authorized at the level at which you wish to compete before the event itself. You can do so at any equestrian practice (dates list on page 23). There will be trailer parking space and overnight boarding for those who have traveled from afar. Please contact the autocrat if you wish to bring horses so we can make appropriate arrangements for day pens and/or overnight accommodations. Reservations for horses brought on site would be appreciated at least 2 weeks in advance of the event. The cost for overnight boarding will be \$12.00, this includes grass hay or alfalfa, fresh water and a clean stall.

Please contact the autocrat for crash space. We ask that no pets be brought on site.

Directions: Go south on I-25 past Albuquerque and take exit 215, South 47/ Broadway. Veer left toward Isleta after the exit and you will be on 47 south. It is approximately 9 miles from exit 215 to Molina Rd., through the Isleta pueblo and Bosque farms. You will pass North Bosque loop and then South Bosque loop, then there will be a large curve to the left, begin looking for school crossing signs. Immediately after the school crossing signs turn left on Molina. Continue on Molina, go past the large stop sign, and look for

Hobbs St. on your right. Turn right on Hobbs go to the end of the road, turn right and you are there.

Event Autocrat : Aziza al Kashani (Jennifer Cunico) 1304 Kentucky NE Albuquerque, NM 87110 (505) 256-4568 jenopie@worldnet.att.net
Equestrian Marshall in Charge: Lady Dubheasa (505)232-2608
Food: Provided by Lord Vladimir

A Sworded Affaire

Barony of al-Barran
April 26, AS XXXVII (2003)

Moriarity Civic Center, 201 Broadway Rd, Moriarity, NM 87035

Site opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 11:00 p.m.

Fees: \$10.00 for site and feast, \$6.00 for site only, children under 7 are free. (This does not include the \$3.00 non-member surcharge)

Make checks payable to "SCA al-Barran"

The site is DRY.

To the good gentles of the great Kingdom of the Outlands does Coinneach MacPherson send greetings!

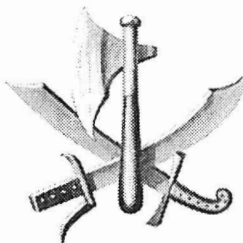
I know that one and all currently have their minds fixed on one thing. WAR! But I would like to give you something to look forward to after our inevitable victory at Estrella XIX. One of the high points of our tournament season is the annual Sworded Affaire, which will take place this year on April 26th.

We will be having rapier oriented classes of various styles in the morning, a free lunch for all kindly provided by the Barony of al-Barran, a pair of tournaments in the afternoon, and a wonderful feast and revel in "La Clairière de la Nympe" French tavern. If you have any interest in the art of the rapier, or just want to come out and have fun with us, then please, come join us! If you have any interest in teaching a class for A Sworded Affaire, please contact the autocrat.

Directions: From al-Barran (Albuquerque), go EAST on I-40 from Albuquerque for 27.5 miles. Take exit 196 for Moriarity. At the stop sign turn right heading SOUTH. At the stop light turn right heading WEST for .2 miles. Turn left directly after the Post Office (which is on the left). The large building on the left after the (closed) bowling alley is the Moriarity Civic Center. There will be a sign for the Civic Center just before the right turn.

Autocrat: Coinneach MacPherson (Kenneth Hargis)
(505) 343-8362 or coinneach@silvertyne.com
Feast Coordinator: Bronwen Blackwell (Reta Bray)
(505) 281-6440 or ladyblackwell@postmark.net
Reservations: Isabella al-Harith (Ramona Apodaca) (505) 235-9729 or LadyIsabella@hotmail.com

The cut-off date for reservations will be Friday, April 18, 2003. Please try to make your reservations in advance!



Grand Outlandish Tournament XXX

Torrance County Park

Site opens at Noon, Wednesday, May 21, 2003

Site closes at Noon, Monday, May 26, 2003

Site Fees: \$20 Adult, \$10 15 and under, Family Cap of \$55, Additional \$3 surcharge for all non-members

Site is Wet

Come help us celebrate 30 Grandly Outlandish years! Activities will abound for all interests ... heavy and rapier fighting, archery, arts & sciences, shopping, and of course a party or two. The site is high in the Rocky Mountains, just under 7,000 ft, so please remember to bring lots of water for yourself, your children, and your pets as there is no running water on-site. While we are hoping for more moisture, fire restrictions are a near certainty.

MERCHANTS: We Want YOU!

We are again asking for pre-registration for Grand Outlandish. Baroness Helga of Clan Tynker, (505) 474-7468, helgatynker@juno.com, is our coordinator for merchants. Additional information, forms, and deadlines can be found at www.grandoutlandish.org.

SPECIAL NOTICE:

If you cannot provide proof of membership (either a blue or white card or current publication label) at the gate you will be charged the \$3 non-member surcharge. Additionally, proof of membership is required to participate in any martial activity. If your membership is coming up for renewal soon, now is an opportune time to renew it!"

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED & SITE CLEANUPS:

We are still seeking several coordinator positions in addition to volunteers to teach classes, help with gate and security, and the myriad other tasks necessary to make this event a success. Also, we will again be cleaning up the site (trash and choilla removal) as in years past. Come work with friends, have some lunch, and scope out the site on any, or all, of the following dates from 10 am-4 pm; March 1st, April 5th, and May 3rd.

If you are interested in volunteering your time please contact the coordinator you wish to work with or myself for additional information. Thank you!

For additional information on this Grand Event please check out our website at www.grandoutlandish.org or feel free to contact me directly.

Directions: From Albuquerque, take I-40 East to Exit 187 (Edgewood), go South (right) 0.2 miles to NM 333 (Historic 66), turn East (left) 4.4 miles to Lexco Rd (look for Mountain View Elementary), turn South (right) 2.4 miles to Martinez Rd (gravel), turn West (right) 2.4 miles

THL Ryan de Caergybi

Autocrat, Grand Outlandish Tournament XXX

Alec Reber, 4003 Aspen Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110

(505) 265-3142

Outlandish30@aol.com

PONY-WORLD

by Lord Michael McQuillan



"Valentine's Day was never easy for Steitan"

I heard a radiant ring, with no tongue,
intercede for men, though it spoke
without argument or strident words.
The silent treasure said in front of men:
'Save me, helper of souls.'
May men understand the mysterious saying
of the red gold and, as the ring said,
wisely entrust their salvation to God.

**The Exeter Riddles
No. 48**

A Chalice

al-Barran Phone Directory Corrections

This is just phone number and email address corrections, I do have several name spelling corrections that I am not adding to this list at this time but they will be corrected in the next phone directory.—KR

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Diana M. Duke

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Gammer Gurton's Needle

GAMMER GURTON'S NEEDLE TO HELP WITH REGALIA THIS MONTH

To all Gammer Gurton's Needle members -- Mistress Elenfea has asked us to help with embellishment for the Queen's new summer cloak. She has 30 pre-printed green on gold Tudor roses. We are asked to improve their look using pearl cotton for simple chain and outline stitches and gold French knots for the center seeds. The work needs to be done by the end of February. We will begin this coming Monday and since several of us cannot go to Estrella, we will probably meet every Monday. The Honorable Lady Delia (Deborah Meeks-Nixon) has a large table, plenty of work space and is the most centrally located. We will meet February nights at 7 at her house, 5914 Aspen NE. Aspen is between Constitution and Indian School, west of San Pedro. Her phone is 232-7946. As always, we do not meet in garb. Bring needles and scissors. All other supplies are already provided

Gammer Gurton's Needle is an interest group exploring many different threadwork techniques including but not limited to embroidery, laces, netting, bobbin or needle lace, beading, needlepoint, inkle loom, cardweaving, etc. Please join us. We meet every Monday evening at 7 pm. (we don't meet in garb). You can work on the month's emphasis or bring your own project. If you can't make the meetings, we have copies of instructions and patterns and can make arrangements for individual meetings with teachers.

Website: <http://www.themissingpiece.com/ggn/>

"My fair long straight needle, that was mine only treasure. The first day of my sorrow is. And last of my pleasure" -from the play, The Loss of Gammer Gurton's Needle, 1575.



Court Dancing Article

I wish to thank Katanna, Ren Silverhawk, Minka, Marc, Alianna Coffyn, and Lord Canus for all their help in decorating the English Tavern at Mid-Winter and also a thank you to all the young men who helped me with clean-up afterwards. In February and March, we'll be doing some new and more complicated court dances, so I hope you'll join us at court dance practices at Fighter Practice Park (Jeanne Bellamah) on Sundays from 12:30 to 2:30 pm on February 2 and 9 and March 2, 9, and 16. The weather has been lovely so far this winter and the classes are free. Everyone age 7 and up is welcome. If you have questions or wish further information, you can reach me at 293-7453 or at kreg@aps.edu.

Yours in service to the dream,

Lady Barbara



Regular Activities

Fighter Practice

Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, Jeanne Bellamah Park., on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Lord Mordygan 286-0870*

Rapier Practice

Sundays, Jeanne Bellamah Park, on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Coinneach 343-8362*

Archery Practice

1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Lady Sylvia's home. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist by email at archery@al-barran.org*

Citizens Meeting

3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at Hayes Middle School Library, 1100 Texas St NE. *Contact: THL Stjerne 861-2907*

Heraldic Submission and Commenting Meeting

This is your opportunity to come hang out with heralds - submit your name and/or device, listen to heralds discuss submissions, and maybe even comment on other people's submissions. Absolutely no heraldic experience required. Honest. When and Where: The 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, at Earl Cathyn and Lady Alia's home, 1223 Fruit St NW. *For directions contact Lady Alia or Earl Cathyn at alia@swcp.com or 244-9525. NO HERALDRY MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY.*

Court Dance Practice

For February and March, court dance practices will be held on Sundays, February 2 & 9, and March 2, 9, & 16, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at fighter practice park (Jeanne Bellamah). Everyone age 7 and up is welcome to these free court dance practices. *Contact: Lady Barbara 293-7453 or kreg@aps.edu for further information.*

Al-Barran Equestrian Practice

Practice will be held from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm on Thursdays and starting at 11:00 am on Saturdays. The following dates have been set aside for practice in the coming months. February: 1st & 22nd. March: 1st & 15th. April: 5, 10, 19 & 24. May: 3, 8, 17 & 22. *Please contact the Equestrian marshal; Lady Dubheasa at 730-3999 or email jenopie@worldnet.att.net for directions to the site and any other information.*

Gammer Gurton's Needle

The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article on the facing page. *Contact: Lady Rosamond 865-9082*

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops

Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, conserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: Lady Scia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.*

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops

The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions.*

Blaiddwyn Project Conclave

Come and join Blaiddwyn College at their project conclave to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. *Contact Blaiddwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Lady Emer Fitton 293-1206 or kbutler@salud.unm.edu for days, times and location.*



Web Sites

Al-Barran's website: <http://www.al-barran.org>
Blaiddwyn's website: <http://www.unm.edu/~sca/index.html>
Outlands' website: <http://www.outlands.org>
SCA's website: <http://www.sca.org>



The Baronial Shaft

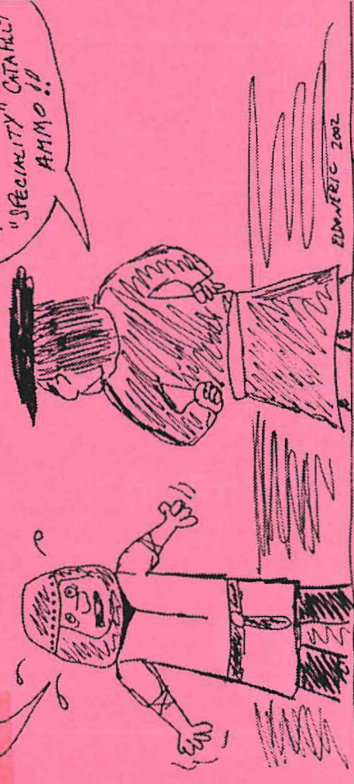
P.O. Box 27676
Albuquerque, NM 87125

March Articles are due
to al-Barran's chroni-
February 24th

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